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EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife.

Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>

Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

From: Jim Everett <everett@crossenv.com>
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I cannot tell you how heart wrenching it is watching that turbid, toxic plume of mustard colored water make its way to Lake Powell and likely beyond. I can't stop thinking that if this situation was facilitated by general industry, the Environmental Protection Agency would be taking enforcement action and there might even be criminal charges pressed.

I am wondering what kind of punitive actions Region 8 will take against itself? What steps will be implemented against those that underestimated the effect that the field activities would have on the unlawful release of the water. I am also curious to know what action, if any, will be taken related to the delayed reporting to the public, the under estimated quantity, and the continued release of polluted water. Seems to be on par with the Deep Water Horizon incident without the loss of life. It is not enough to conduct an investigation and issue a report. People in authority that knew, or should have known, need to be dusting off their resumes.

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